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on this letterhead.
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Office of Health and Human Services

FROM: John Leahy, DPH Budget Office

DATE:

RE: Justification for Out-of-State Travel

All travel
justification
memos must have
this heading.

Mr. Timperi has been invited to deliver two presentations at the Joint Annual meeting of Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) which will be held in St. Paul Minnesota from September 28-October 1, 2004.

This section should
list the traveler's
name and the name,
location, and date of
the meeting or
conference.

One presentation will highlight the successes of the Massachusetts State Laboratory Institute's web-based electronic laboratory test ordering and reporting system. This presentation will showcase the ITD efforts in Massachusetts where we have developed a first of its kind two-way functional public health laboratory communication system to link health departments and clinical laboratories. This innovative project is likely to be adopted as a model by many state health departments, and will increase funding opportunities for our programs.

Describe the activities
or information that will
be presented at the
meeting or conference.
Be careful when using
technical terms.
Non-scientists will be
reading this memo.

In addition to making two presentations, Mr. Timperi will participate in daily planning meetings with other state public health laboratory directors and state health officers. This meeting provides an efficient forum for sharing best practices, forming alliances with other states and improving preparedness for public health emergency responses including terrorism. Attendance at this meeting will improve funding opportunities for Massachusetts and identify innovative means for program improvements.

Describe how this
travel will benefit the
Commonwealth.

List specific examples.

Funding for this travel will be provided by the federal Bioterrorism Grant.

List the funding source
for this travel. If the
travel is privately
funded, state that the
travel is at no cost to
the Commonwealth.